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IN THE BEGINNING WERE THE **CELESTIALS**.



THESE ENORMOUS SPACE-GODS CAME TO EARTH TO PERFORM GENETIC EXPERIMENTS AS THEY HAD ON MANY A PLANET. THEY TOOK THE PRIMITIVE CREATURE KNOWN AS MAN AND FROM HIM, FORMED TWO NEW RACES. SOME THEY TWISTED INTO MONSTROUS FORMS, CALLING THEM **DEVIANTS**. SOME THEY LEFT RESEMBLING THEIR HUMAN COUSINS BUT ENDOWED WITH AMAZING POWERS. THESE BECAME KNOWN AS THE **ETERNALS**.





FOR EONS, MANKIND WORSHIPPED THESE ETERNALS AS GODS, JUST AS IT FEARED THE DEVIANTS AS DEVILS... BUT THEN CAME THE DAY WHEN THE ETERNALS VANISHED. THE HEAVENS WERE SILENT.

A ROGUE ETERNAL HAD BETRAYED HIS OWN KIND AND STOLEN THEIR MEMORIES. THEY WERE SCATTERED ACROSS THE PLANET AND FORCED TO LIVE AS MEN DO. FORTUNATELY, THE ETERNAL KNOWN AS **IKARIS** REMEMBERED HIS TRUE IDENTITY, AND WAS ABLE TO AWAKEN SOME OF HIS PEOPLE.

IN A PLAY TO GAIN CONTROL BEFORE ALL THE ETERNALS REALIZED THEIR IDENTITIES, THE DEVIANTS CAPTURED **MAKKARI** AND USED HIM TO AWAKEN THE **DREAMING CELESTIAL**, BURIED BENEATH THE DIABLO MOUNTAINS IN CALIFORNIA. HIS AWAKENING SIGNALED THE COSMIC LOCUST-LIKE **HORDE** TO COME DEVOUR THE EARTH. TOWERING OVER GOLDEN GATE PARK IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE DREAMING CELESTIAL STANDS OBSERVING MANKIND UNTIL THE HORDE ARRIVES TO DESTROY THE PLANET.

NOW THE ETERNALS NEED TO FIND THEIR LOST BRETHREN BEFORE THE HORDE ARRIVES, ALL THE WHILE DEALING WITH INTERNAL STRIFE AS THE AMBITIOUS **DRUIG** VIES FOR POWER WITHIN THEIR RANKS. CAN THE ETERNALS COME TOGETHER IN TIME TO SAVE THE WORLD AS THE COSMIC CLOCK TICKS TOWARDS DOOM? READ ON...





IKARIS



THENA



DRUIG



MAKKARI



SERSI



JOEY (THENA'S SON)

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DREAMSPACE: MAKKARI AND THE DREAMING CELESTIAL.

IT IS YOUR WISH TO LOCATE THE OTHER (CLASSIFICATION: ETERNALS).

YES.

I WILL (EDUCATE/CLARIFY/HELP) YOU BY ALLOWING YOU TO ACCESS THE GENERAL ANALYSIS DICTATED BY MY (MANDATE/FUNCTION).

*WHAT DOES **THIS** HAVE TO DO WITH FINDING MISSING ETERNALS?*





THAT VERY (MARK/PATTERN/SIGNATURE) IS REGISTERED AND IN TURN PASSED ON TO THE NEXT BEING THAT IS MET.

THUS, ALL BEINGS ARE CONNECTED.

HOW DOES ALL THIS HELP ME?

THE (CLASSIFICATION: ETERNALS) YOU SEEK ARE A SUBSET OF THE GENERAL ANALYSIS DICTATED BY MY (MANDATE/FUNCTION).

THOUGH (CLASSIFICATION: ETERNAL/DEACTIVATED) SPRITE HAS CORRUPTED THE IDENTITIES AND SELF-AWARENESS OF THE ONES YOU SEEK, THEIR (MARKS/PATTERNS/SIGNATURES) CANNOT BE ALTERED.

THIS IS HORRIFIC...

THIS IS LIFE. MUCH OF THE SAME IS FOUND THROUGHOUT THE COSMOS.

YOU'RE RECORDING THEIR DEFENSES; PROBING THEIR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES...

YOU INFER THAT I WISH TO MAKE AN OFFENSIVE ASSAULT ON YOUR (EARTH/PLANET/PLACE)?

IT IS WITHIN YOUR POWER.


THAT IS TRUE. THOUGH I AM DIMINISHED IN MY CURRENT STATE, I COULD ANNIHILATE MUCH OF THIS SOLAR SYSTEM.
BUT IT IS NOT MY (DESIRE/ INTENT/MISSION).


THEN WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?
TO SERVE THE FULCRUM...


ICARUS AND THENA, PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA.
WE'VE GOT TO STEP UP OUR TIME-FRAME!
QUIET, IKARIS, YOU'LL WAKE JOEY!
DON'T USE THE BOY TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT.
WE'RE ALREADY MOVING AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN.
USING YOUR METHODS, YES! BUT FOR EVERY ONE ETERNAL WE LOCATE AND DEPROGRAM, DRUIG'S RECRUITING THREE.
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YOU MEAN **BRAINWASHING** THREE.

EXACTLY! THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE CAN'T USE THE SAME METHODS.

WE KNOW THAT ONCE THE **FALSE MEMORIES** IMPLANTED BY **SPRITE** HAVE BEEN WIPED CLEAN, WE CAN REPLACE THEM WITH **WHATEVER WE WANT!**

SIX MONTHS AGO, YOU WERE CALLING DRUIG'S METHODS **AN ABOMINATION!**

THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO AWAKEN THE OTHERS OF THEIR KIND TO MARSHAL A DEFENSE AGAINST US...

THENA, UNDER ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES I'D AGREE WITH YOU, BUT ACCORDING TO THE DREAMING CELESTIAL WE ARE FACING AN ATTACK BY **THE HORDE...**

...AN ATTACK WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FIGHT WITHOUT **EVERY SINGLE ETERNAL** ON THE PLANET WORKING **TOGETHER.**

EVEN DRUIG?

YES, EVEN **DRUIG!** BUT HE'S TOO BUSY **DIVIDING US** IN ORDER TO MOUNT A COUP AND SEIZE THE TITLE OF **PRIME ETERNAL.**

NEVERTHELESS, IKARIS, I WILL **NOT** STOOP TO DRUIG'S METHODS.

SUBJECT: THENA. CLASSIFICATION: ETERNAL. PRIMARY ATTRIBUTES: STRENGTH, DURABILITY...

SUBJECT: IKARIS. CLASSIFICATION: ETERNAL. PRIMARY ATTRIBUTES: FLIGHT, STRENGTH...

EACH ETERNAL MUST BE CAREFULLY GUIDED TO RECOVER HIS OR HER **TRUE MEMORIES...** TO RESTORE HIS OR HER **FREE WILL...**

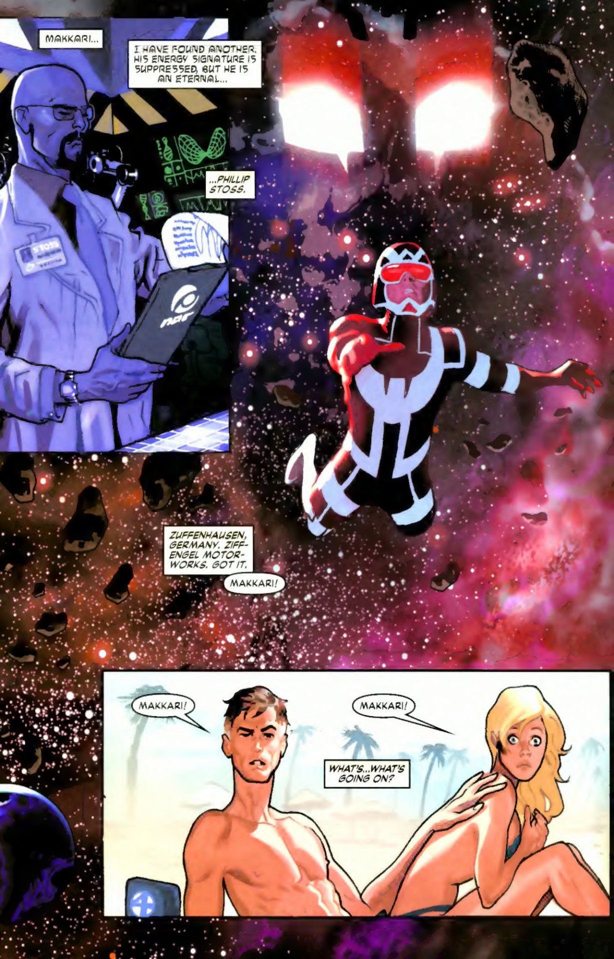
...TO **DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES** WHO THEY WILL FOLLOW.

EVEN IF IT MEANS DRUIG PREVAILS?

AND WINS DOMINION OVER A **LIFELESS ROCK** SPINNING AROUND A DEAD SUN.

YES, IKARIS. EVEN THAT...

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MAKKARI...
I HAVE FOUND ANOTHER. HIS ENERGY SIGNATURE IS SUPPRESSED, BUT HE IS AN ETERNAL...
...PHILLIP STOSS.
ZUFFENHAUSEN, GERMANY. ZIFF-ENGEL MOTOR-WORKS. GOT IT.
MAKKARI!
MAKKARI!
MAKKARI!
WHAT'S...WHAT'S GOING ON?


MAKKARI! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
PLEASE, MAKKARI, I'M SCARED! WAKE UP!
STOP IT! I CAN'T...I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT!


MAKKARI! MAKKARI! WAKE UP!
CAN'T FOCUS... HEAD SPLITTING...!


COLD...STINGERS...MANDIBLES... EMPTY...SO HUNGRY...HEAD KILLING ME...! THEY THINK, ACT, LISTEN, SPEAK AS ONE...
PLEASE, MAKKARI! OPEN YOUR EYES!
SERSI? SERSI, IS THAT YOU? WHERE ARE YOU...?
TRANZMIZHON REZZEIVED MONITOR AND DIZZEMINATE...
SOMETHING...COMING! OBLITERATION INCARNATE...!


THE HORDE!

MAKKARI AND SERSI'S LOFT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

IT WAS THE HORDE! I SAW THEM...

MAKKARI! MY GOD--

...SERSI, HOW LONG WAS I OUT?

TWO DAYS.

WOW.

YOU REALLY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HAPPENED...?

ABOUT TWELVE HOURS AGO YOUR HEART JUST STOPPED. I WAS DOWN ON MARKET STREET WHEN I FELT IT--

--YOU SENSED MY HEART STOPPING? WHEN DID YOU LEARN HOW TO DO--

SHUT UP FOR ONCE AND LISTEN...

I FOUND YOU IN ONE OF YOUR FUGUE STATES.

WHEN I FELT YOUR SKIN IT WAS ICE COLD. NO RESPIRATION, NO PULSE... NOTHING.

YOU WERE DEAD. DEAD DEAD.

DID YOU CONTACT ZURAS?

OF COURSE.

WHAT DID HE SAY?

HE JUST TOLD ME TO "WAIT AND SEE."

WAIT AND SEE! THAT OLD FOOL!

CUT HIM SOME SLACK, SERS.

HE HASN'T BEEN THE SAME SINCE HE CAME IN FROM THE COLD...

...NONE OF US HAVE.

DRUIG'S STRONGHOLD, THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF VORZHEIKA.

IT'S LIKE BEING LOCKED IN A HOTHOUSE OF ROTTING MEAT...

...THE FESTERING ROT. THE CURDLED STENCH. THE CRACKLING WHISPER OF MAGGOTS FEASTING.

I FEEL LIKE VOMITING...

...MY EYES WATER...

...MY NOSTRILS BURN WITH THAT REVOLTING CARNAL **STINK.**

THEN, THE PUTRID MEAT GAZES UP FROM ITS OWN POLLUTED FILTH...

CHA-CHAK

...TEARS OPEN A BLEEDING MOUTH AND CRIES--

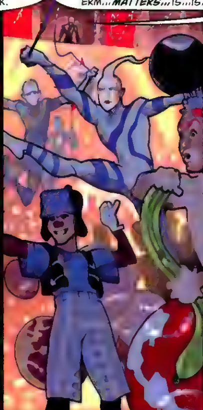
HAIL, COMMISSAR DRUIG!

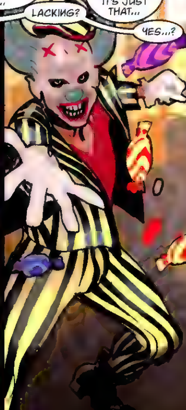
YOU WILL BE PLEASED TO KNOW MY OPERATIVES HAVE LOCATED THE ONE YOU SEEK.

DID THEY...?

AND WHAT TOOK SO LONG?









...MAKES A FOOL OF ITS MASTER.

NO, COLONEL STOYANOVICH.

I WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE PROFILES, AND YOU WILL CONTINUE TO FIND THE SUBJECTS. NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS.

YOU ARE DISMISSED.

"THE VISION OF GOD." INDEED...

IRONTON, LOUISIANA.

TELL ME WHERE YOU'RE BOUND...

TELL ME WHERE YOU'RE MARCHING...

FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY TOWN!

GOOD AFTERNOON, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

AND I DO MEAN "GOOD" IN ONLY THE MOST **CHARITABLE** SENSE OF THE WORD...

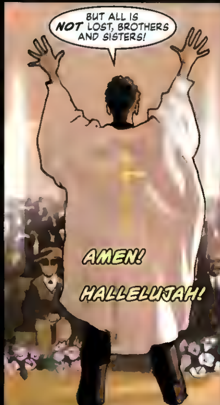
LORD GOD, I SURELY DO **THANK YOU** FOR MAKING THIS DAY, BUT DID YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT SO **DAMN HOT?!**

BUT THIS HEAT, THIS **SWELTER,** COULD **NEVER** COMPARE TO THAT FLAMING PIT WHERE **ALL** SINNERS GO!

AND MARK MY WORDS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, HELL IS **NOT** A FIGMENT OF SOMEONE'S IMAGINATION.

HELL IS **VERY** REAL. AS REAL AS THIS CHURCH. AS REAL AS THE LAND IT SETS ON. AS REAL AS YOU, AS REAL AS ME!

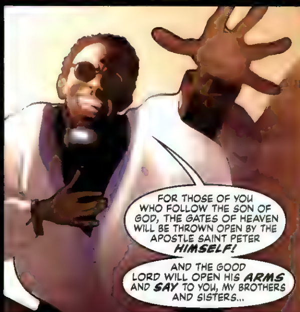
MARK...MY... WORDS...WE ARE **ALL** SINNERS! WE ARE **ALL** HELLBOUND!


BUT ALL IS NOT LOST, BROTHERS AND SISTERS!
AMEN!
HALLELUJAH!

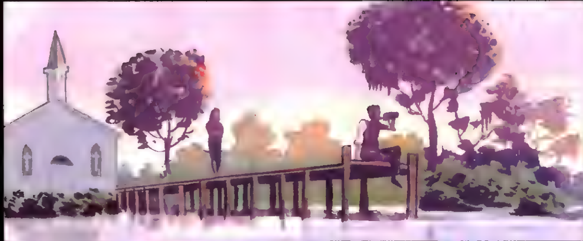

THERE IS A WAY TO AVOID THE FIRES OF ETERNAL DAMNATION!
TESTIFY, BROTHER!
HALLELUJAH!


A WAY TO TURN YOUR GAZE AWAY FROM TEMPTATIONS THAT PLAGUE YOUR EVERY WAKING MOMENT!


AND THAT IS THE WAY OF OUR LORD JAY-ZUS!
AMEN!
PRAISE JEEZUS!


FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO FOLLOW THE SON OF GOD, THE GATES OF HEAVEN WILL BE THROWN OPEN BY THE APOSTLE SAINT PETER HIMSELF!
AND THE GOOD LORD WILL OPEN HIS ARMS AND SAY TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS...


...HALLELUJAH!





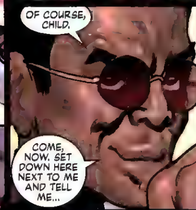
REV'REND LESTER...?



COULD I...
COULD I TALK TO YOU?



IT'S JUST... I WAS LISTENIN' TO WHAT YOU PREACHED TODAY? ABOUT SINNERS?
AN'...AN' I FEEL LIKE I NEED TO TALK TO YOU...
...ABOUT SINNIN'.

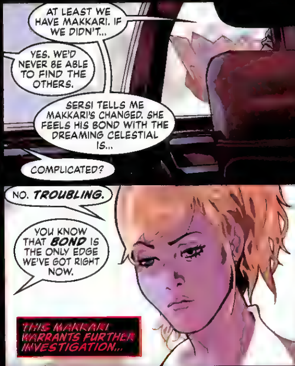


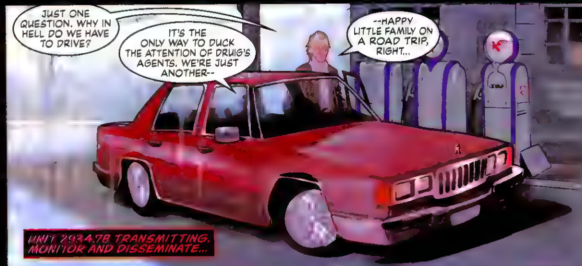
OF COURSE, CHILD.
COME, NOW. SET DOWN HERE NEXT TO ME AND TELL ME...



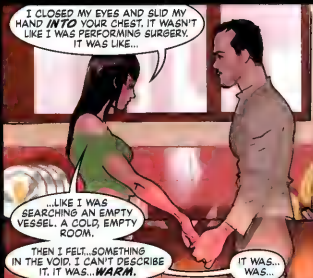
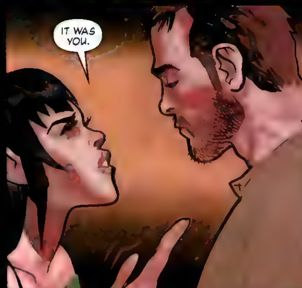
"...AND TELL ME ALL ABOUT WHAT'S TROUBLIN' YOU..."
IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE ANY SERIOUS HEADWAY, DRUIG *MUST* BE DEALT WITH.
MY FATHER GAVE HIS WORD, IKARIS. WE CAN'T INTERFERE WITH DRUIG AS LONG AS HE REMAINS INSIDE VORZHEIKA.
I WISH WE COULD MOUNT AN *ATTACK*. SMASH THE GATES WIDE OPEN AND TEAR HIM FROM HIS THRONE.

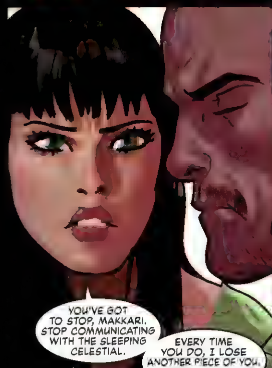

BEST TO FOCUS ON THE TASK AT HAND.
AND YOU'RE **AT PEACE** WITH THAT?
NO MORE THAN YOU ARE. BUT I ACCEPT IT. AS YOU SHOULD.


AT LEAST WE HAVE MAKKARI. IF WE DIDN'T...
YES. WE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO FIND THE OTHERS.
SERSI TELLS ME MAKKARI'S CHANGED. SHE FEELS HIS BOND WITH THE DREAMING CELESTIAL IS...
COMPLICATED?
NO. **TROUBLING.**
YOU KNOW THAT **BOND** IS THE ONLY EDGE WE'VE GOT RIGHT NOW.
THIS MAKKARI WARRANTS FURTHER INVESTIGATION...


JUST ONE QUESTION. WHY IN HELL DO WE HAVE TO DRIVE?
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO DUCK THE ATTENTION OF DRUIG'S AGENTS. WE'RE JUST ANOTHER--
--HAPPY LITTLE FAMILY ON A ROAD TRIP, RIGHT...
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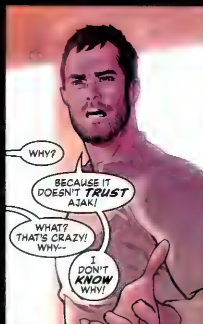
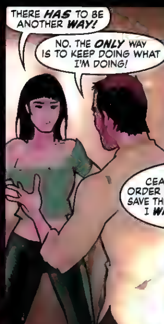

I FOCUSED-- REALLY **FOCUSED** ON YOU. AND IT CAME TO ME. IT WAS LIKE...


...LIKE I KNEW WHAT TO DO.
BUT I WAS SCARED. BECAUSE I ALSO KNEW IF I SCREWED IT UP, THAT WOULD BE IT.
WE MIGHT RECONSTITUTE YOUR BODY IN THE REACTIVATION CHAMBER, BUT YOUR MIND? NEVER.
YOU WERE LOST...

I CLOSED MY EYES AND SLID MY HAND INTO YOUR CHEST. IT WASN'T LIKE I WAS PERFORMING SURGERY. IT WAS LIKE...
...LIKE I WAS SEARCHING AN EMPTY VESSEL. A COLD, EMPTY ROOM.
THEN I FELT...SOMETHING IN THE VOID. I CAN'T DESCRIBE IT. IT WAS...WARM.
IT WAS... WAS...

IT WAS YOU.


YOU'VE GOT TO STOP, MAKKARI. STOP COMMUNICATING WITH THE SLEEPING CELESTIAL.
EVERY TIME YOU DO, I LOSE ANOTHER PIECE OF YOU.

I CAN'T DO THAT, SERSI.

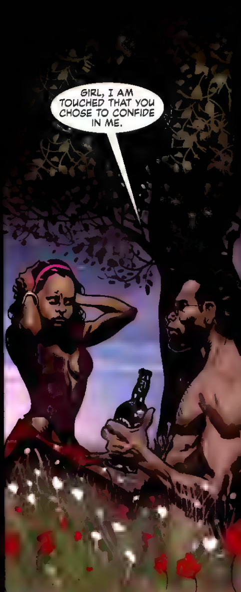
KARI, PLEASE. LEAVE IT TO AJAK. HE'S TRAINED HIS ENTIRE LIFE--
I CAN'T.


WHY?
BECAUSE IT DOESN'T TRUST AJAK!
WHAT? THAT'S CRAZY! WHY--
I DON'T KNOW WHY!

THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY!
NO. THE ONLY WAY IS TO KEEP DOING WHAT I'M DOING!

IF I HAVE TO CEASE EXISTING IN ORDER TO SAVE THE HUMANS, SAVE THE ETERNALS, SAVE YOU, I WILL NOT HESITATE TO DO IT.

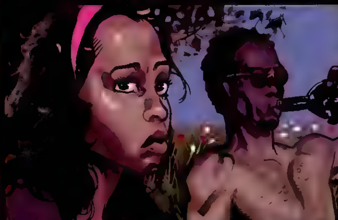
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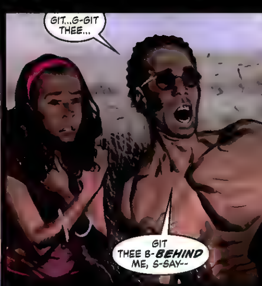

GIRL, I AM TOUCHED THAT YOU CHOSE TO CONFIDE IN ME.


YOU SURE KNOW A LOT ABOUT SINNIN', REV'REND LESTER.
STICK AROUND. YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN'!

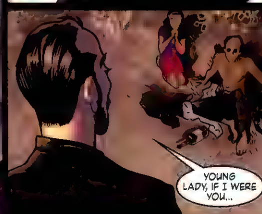

HOW 'BOUT WE HEAD INTO THE RECTORY?
IT'S AIR CONDITIONED...



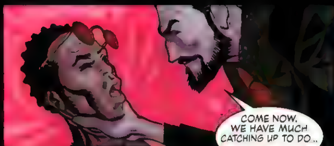

OH, GAWD... NO...NO! DEVIL COME TO TAKE US AWAY!
DON'T BE SILLY, CHILD. AIN'T NO SUCH THING AS...
...THE DEVIL?!?


GIT...G-GIT THEE...
GIT THEE B-BEHIND ME, S-SAY--


SATAN?
OH, YE OF LITTLE FAITH...


YOUNG LADY, IF I WERE YOU...

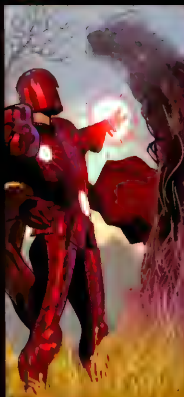

...I'D RUN.

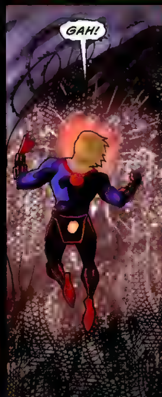

COME NOW, WE HAVE MUCH CATCHING UP TO DO..


...LEGBA.


DRUIG!


IKARIS AND THENA. OF COURSE.
STAY BEHIND ME, LEGBA.



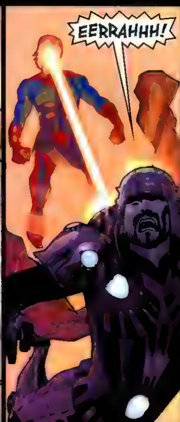

GAH!


RRAH!




FF-WHOOMP!




EERRAHHH!

ZURAS... AND I HOLD...
...A SWORN PACT.
YOU AND I HAVE FOUGHT OVER MANY THINGS, DRUIG, BUT NEVER SEMANTICS.

THE PACT IS LIMITED TO WITHIN THE CONFINES OF VOROZHEIKA, DRUIG.
OUR PATIENCE IS WEARING THIN, MANIPULATOR. YOUR PARLOR TRICKS CANNOT STAND AGAINST COLD STEEL. LEAVE LEGBA AND GO.
PERHAPS THEN...A TRADE...

A TRADE? FOR WHAT?

A LIFE...

...FOR A LIFE.

CLICK-CLICK

ETERNAL DRUIG APPEARS TO HAVE USURPED CONTROL OVER THE VEHICLE. ADVISE...

NO!

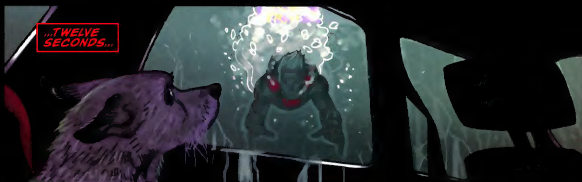
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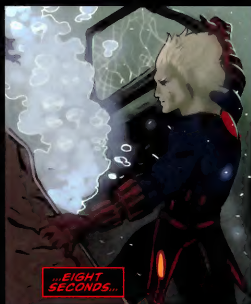
KRA-BOOSH!

IMMINENT LETHAL EVENT THREATENS HOST ORGANISM. INITIATING SELF-ATOMIZATION PROCESS.

TWENTY SECONDS TO TOTAL NEURAL LIQUIFICATION...

...FIFTEEN SECONDS...







IS HE...?
I THINK... YES...HE'S...HE'S BREATHING!
BABY...? BABY, ARE YOU OKAY?
MAMA...?

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IT'S OKAY, BABY. MOMMA'S HERE...

HOST ORGANISM JOEY ELIOT, UNHARMED.

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STILL TREMBLING, FANS?! YOU HAVE YET TO READ THE ANCIENT AND SUBLIME COSMIC SECRETS OF THE CELESTIALS TO BE REVEALED IN THE NEXT HEART-STOPPING ISSUE:

THE EYES OF THE FULCRUM!

ZONE

MINUTEMEN